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Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicants respectfully submit this response in reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed on September 9, 2002. With the petition for a five-month extension of time filed herewith it is respectfully submitted that this response is timely filed.

Remarks

A Restriction Requirement was mailed on September 9, 2002, requiring election between Group I, claims 1-14, drawn to tissue scaffolds, and Group II, claims 15-22, drawn to methods of making tissue scaffolds. Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-14, drawn to tissue scaffolds, for prosecution on the merits.

Also submitted at this time is an Information Disclosure Statement. As the IDS is being submitted prior to a first office action on the merits it is respectfully submitted that no fee is required.